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# Lincoln Poetry

Poets

Ephrata Elementary School

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March 5, 1969

Mrs. Amanda A. Baum  
Grade 6 - Room 27  
Ephrata Elementary School  
Highland Avenue  
Ephrata, Pennsylvania 17522

Dear Mrs. Baum:

We are delighted to accept as a gift for our museum-library, the collection of poetry and free verse honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln, written and illustrated by the members of your sixth grade class.

We are tremendously impressed with the literary and artistic ability of these young people as demonstrated in this attractive presentation. They show great promise, and you must be very proud of them.

Both you and your class are to be commended on this fine piece of work. This collection of original poetry will find a permanent place in our library. Thank you again for thinking of us.

Very sincerely,

Ruth P. Higgins (Mrs.)  
Asst. to Dr. McMurtry

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Poems for  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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from  
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Highland Ave.  
Ephrata, Pa. 17522  
Mrs. Amanda A. Baum,  
Teacher

1969



## Introduction

My classmate, Dennis Herschner, and I, Jim Grosh, gave reports about Abraham Lincoln. Our teacher handed out the free Lincoln pictures from the Lincoln Life Insurance Company, and so we all wrote or "talked to" Mr. Lincoln in poem or story form.

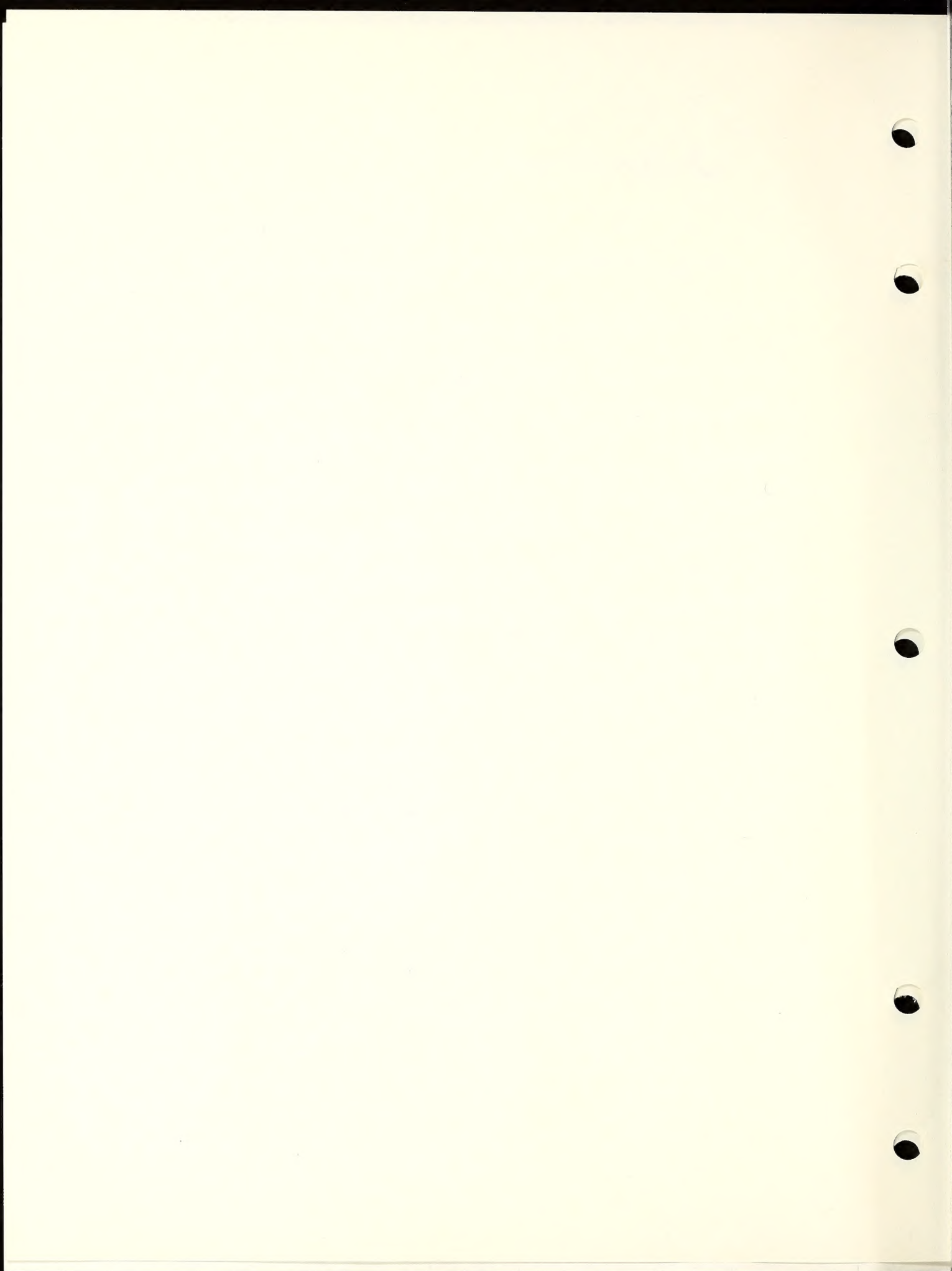
So we send you our collection, and we hope you enjoy them.

Jim Grosh

Grade 6

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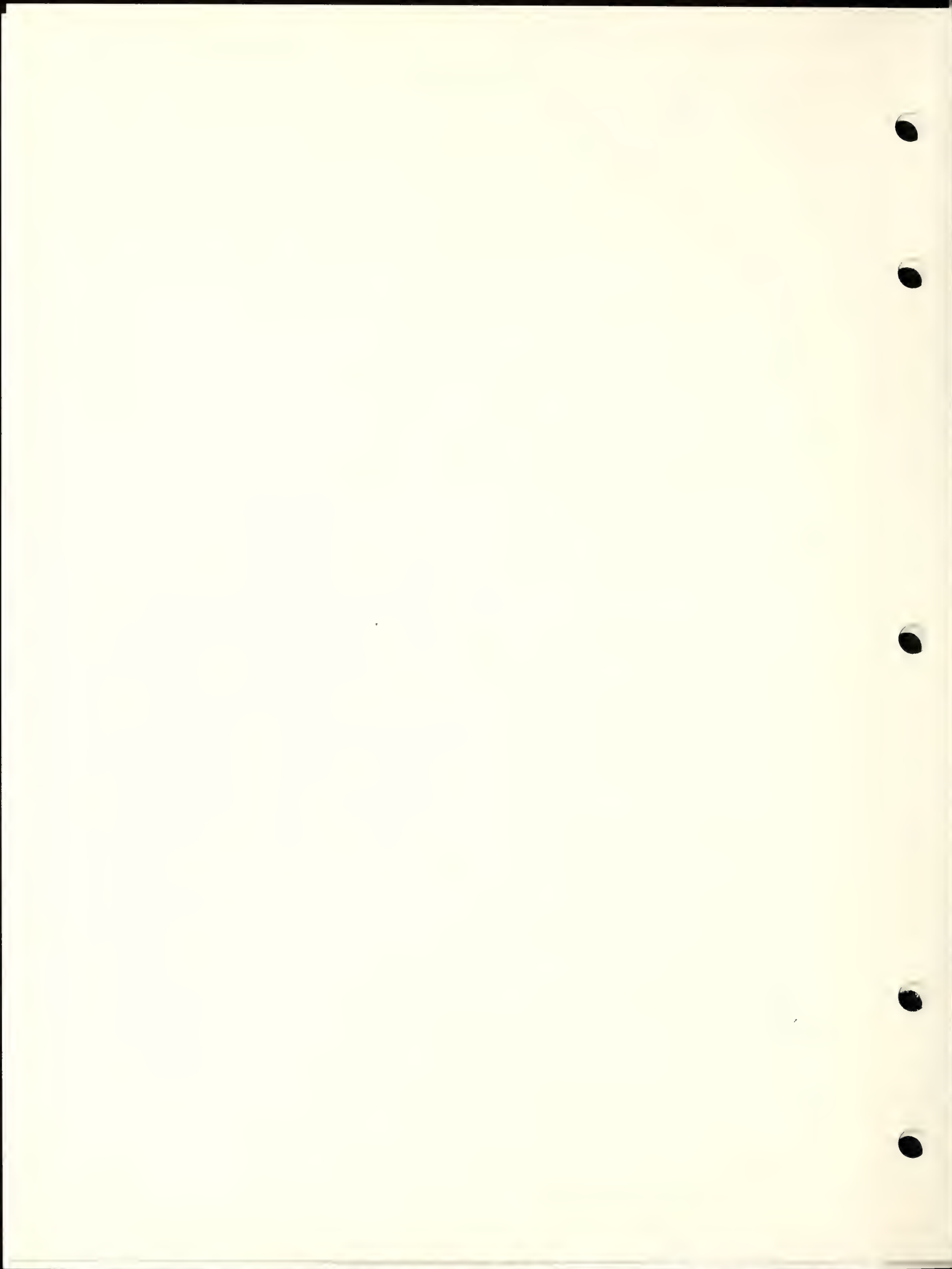


# Lincoln

You're on every penny, and on the five "buck" bill,  
Your picture is on every wall, board, or sill,  
You've got many towns named after you,  
You've got books about you, too!

If today you could come up from your grave,  
Everybody'd cheer for the country you would save,  
I know you'd try to stop tyranny, blood, and war,  
You'd close the gap between the races right down  
to the core!

Jim Grosh

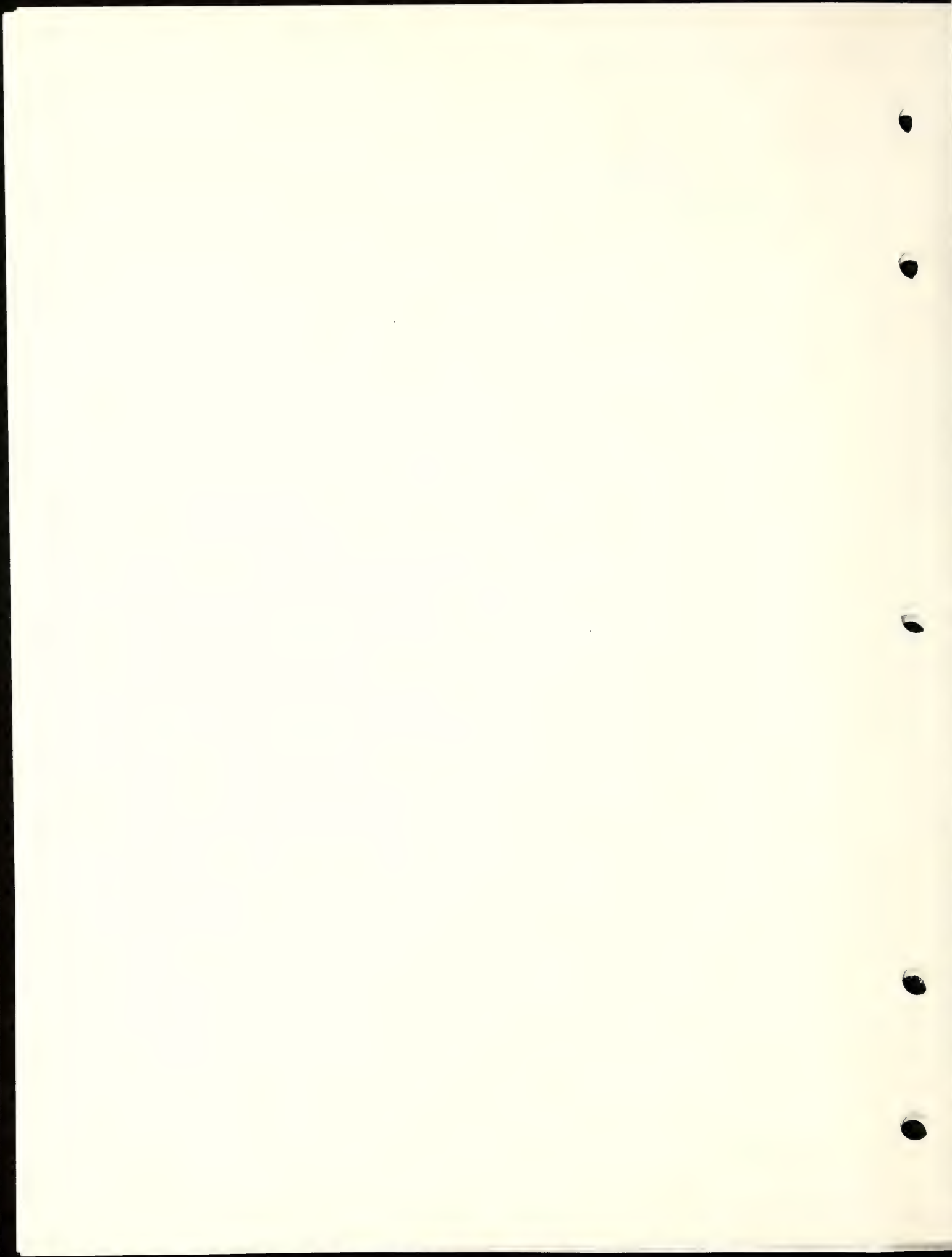




Oh, Mr. Lincoln!

They gave you a name,  
Of old Honest Abe,  
When people came too near,  
They look ashamed,  
Cause of their height,  
You never got your name up in lights,  
You lookout for Mr. Booth,  
Then he went and shooteth you.

Gertrude Lee Kuchner





# My Memories of Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln you were every  
poor,

You didn't have much,

But you didn't ask for more.

You loved your country,

As every man should,

And you did for your  
country,

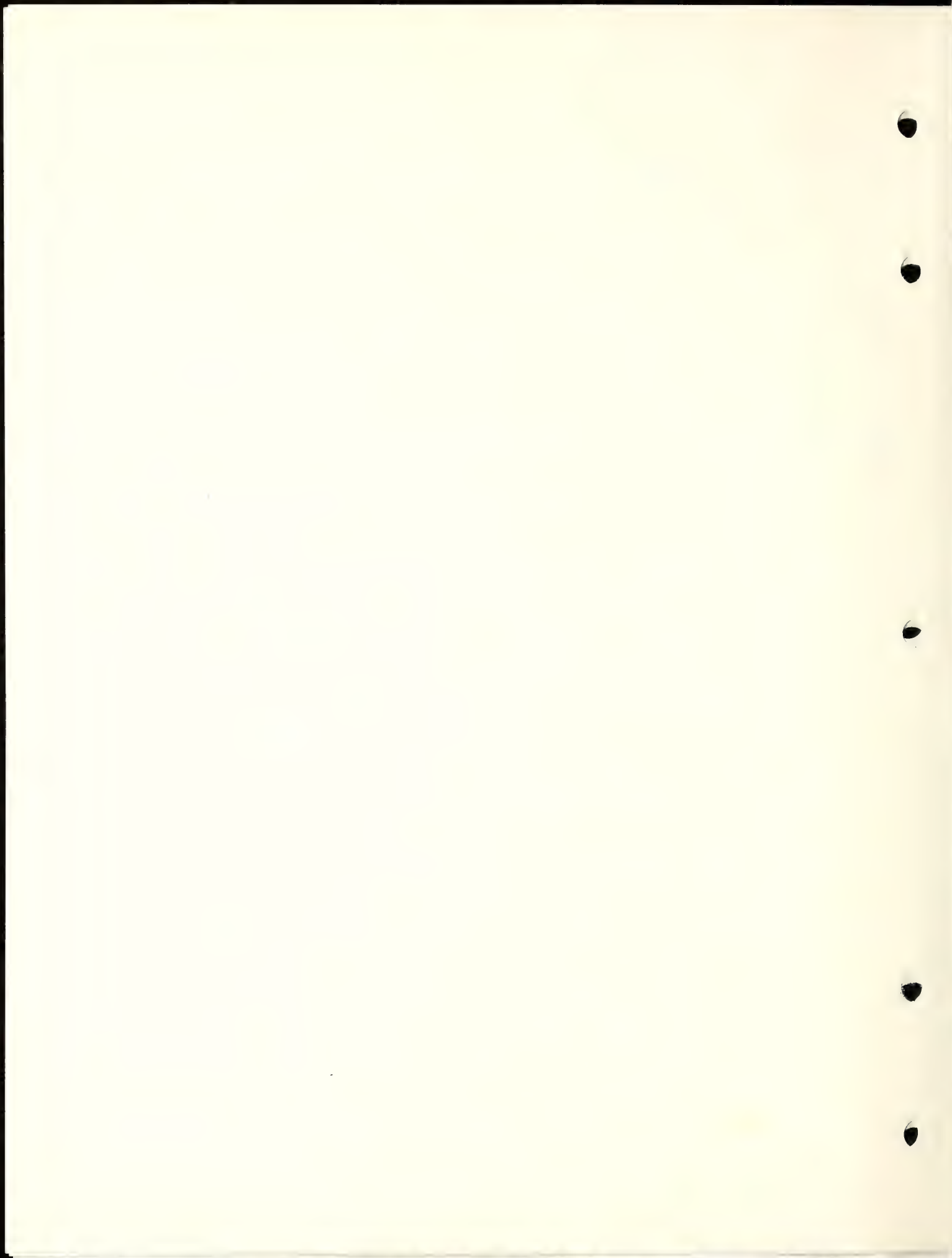
Everything you could.

But someone who didn't  
know the nice things in  
life

Shot you, Mr. Lincoln,

Which was a crime.

Cynthia Anna Butler

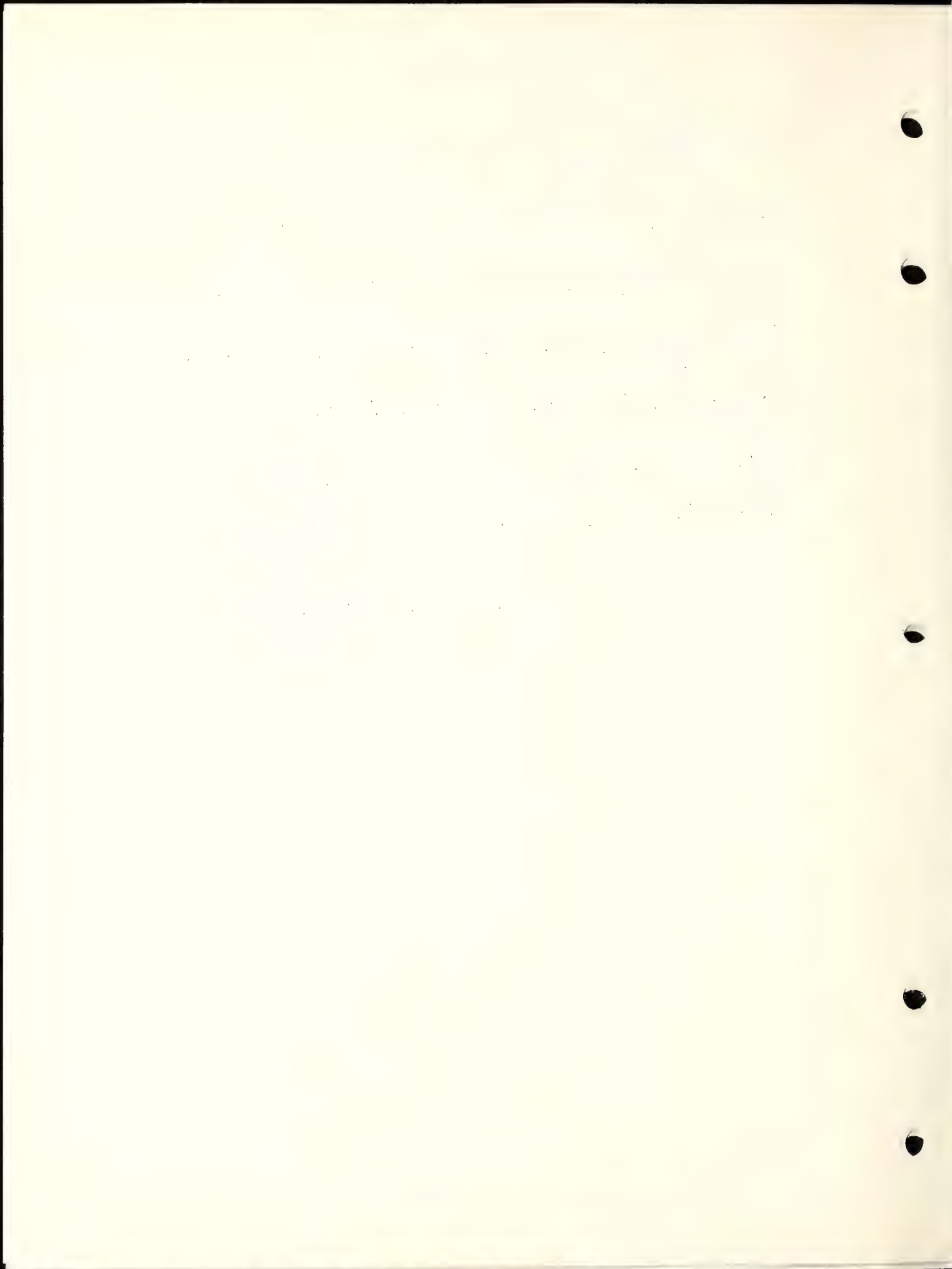




## Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln freed every slave,  
To do that he had to be very brave.  
The sayings he said were wise indeed.  
All of Abe's life he loved to read.  
But now Abraham is dead and gone,  
But his name is in many a song.

Rachael Hornberger





Abraham Lincoln.

Oh, Abraham Lincoln, you were so great,  
I wish I didn't come into this world so  
late.

I wish I could have known you very well,  
Because now your quotations we do re-  
late.

Your memories are still alive today,  
And I wish, now, to the White House

you could be on the way.

Your mother, Nancy Hanks, we remember too,

We also know of Sarah Bush Johnston, Mary

Todd, and Jane Rutledge, because of you.

You were one of the greatest men,

And I wish you could live your life  
again.

Wally Mason



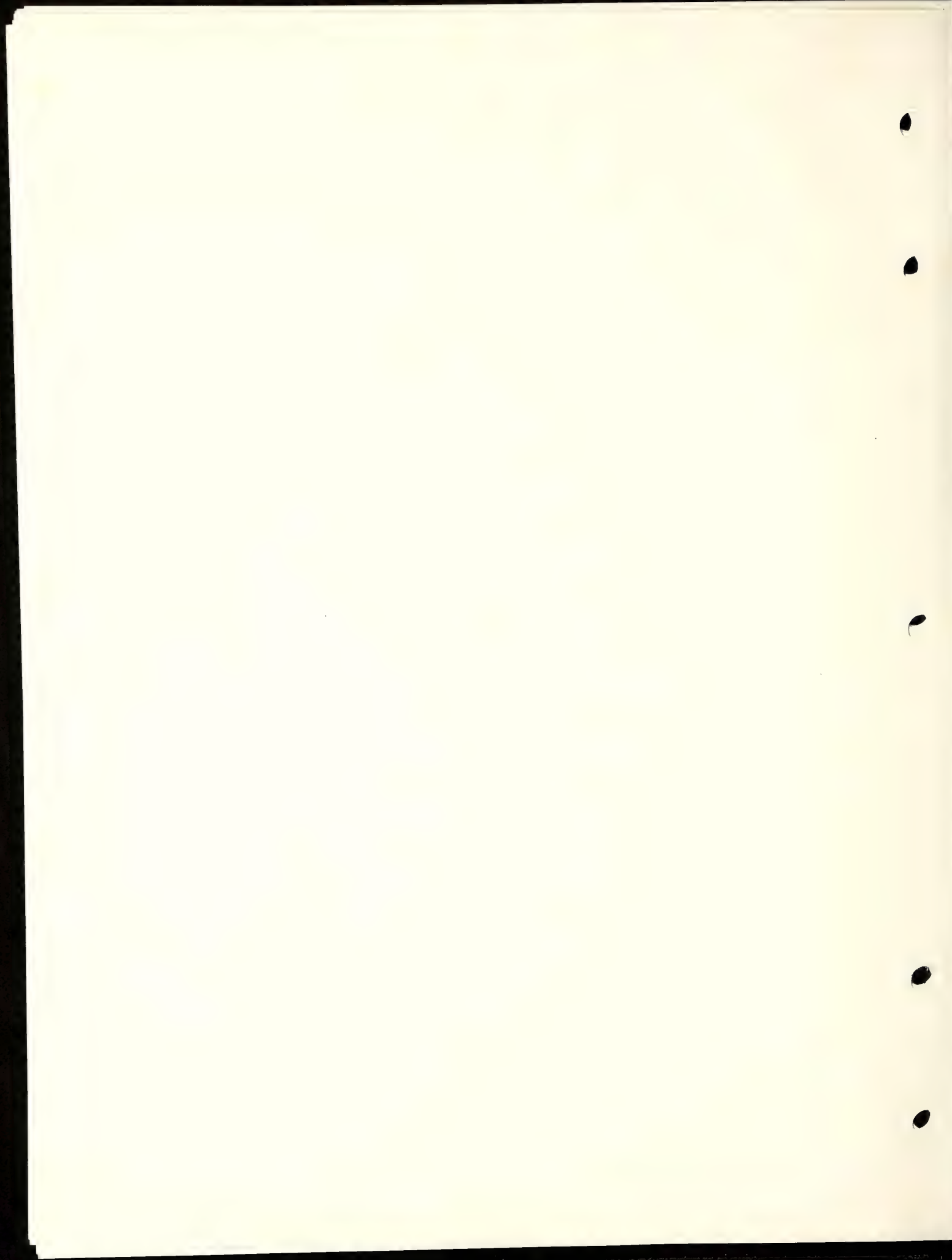


Abraham Lincoln

by

Brenda Deemer

Abraham Lincoln,  
Was our president.  
Abraham Lincoln,  
Was a great man,  
Abraham Lincoln,  
So nice and kind.  
Abraham Lincoln,  
So sorry he died.



I've Done Some Thinkin';  
Mr. Lincoln

Mr. Lincoln, I've done some thinkin';  
Your eyes do a lot of blinkin';  
It's just too bad you had to die that way,  
Such a great man of yesterday and today!  
You're remembered on the twelfth of February  
You'll never be forgotten by white or black!

by  
Daryl C. Lindberg



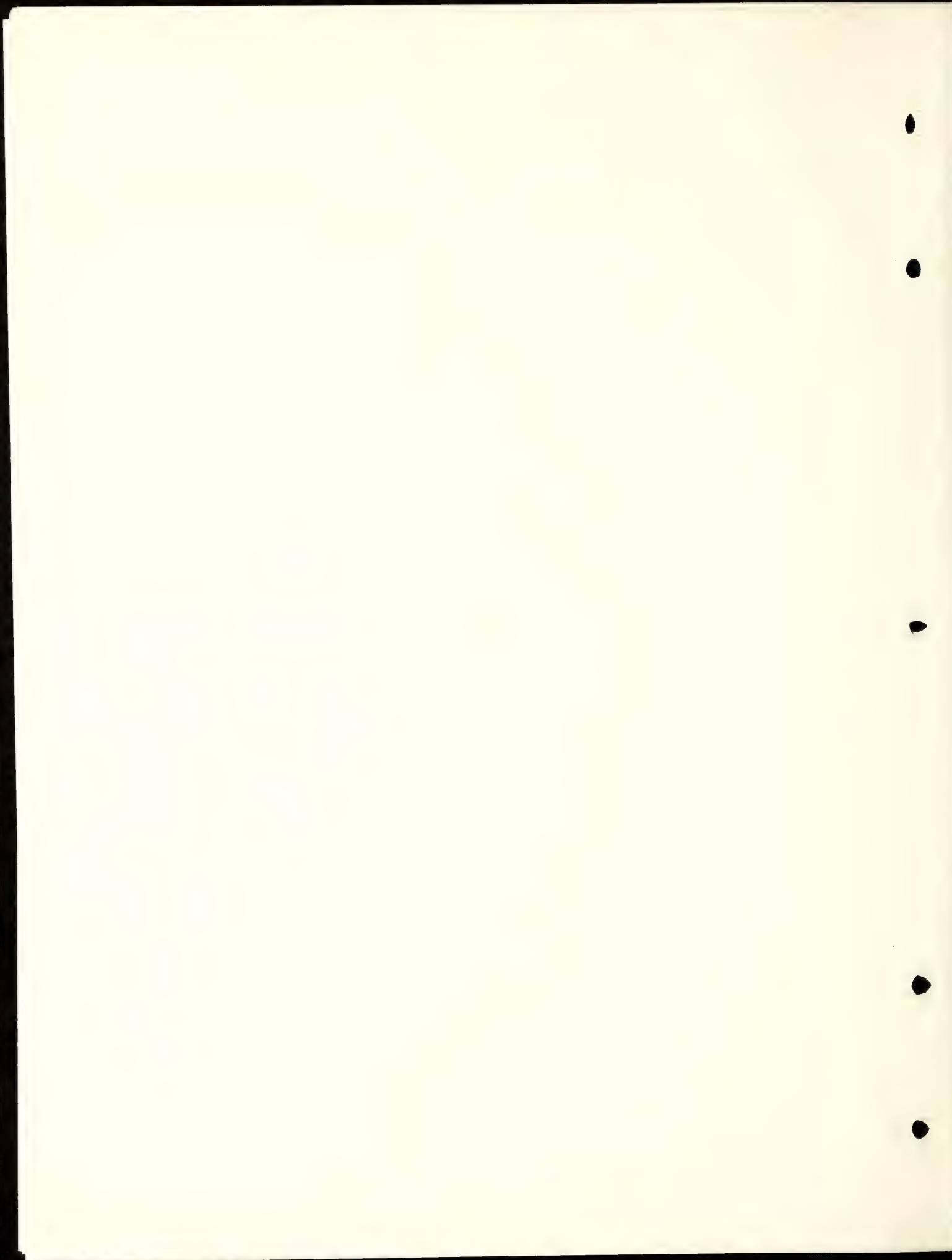
For Don and Maudie  
Mr. Lincoln

Old Lincoln

Old Lincoln you were a great man  
And still are today.

How brave you could stand  
yourself in your way! on  
You were a great man  
With your big black hat.

By Mary F. Smith

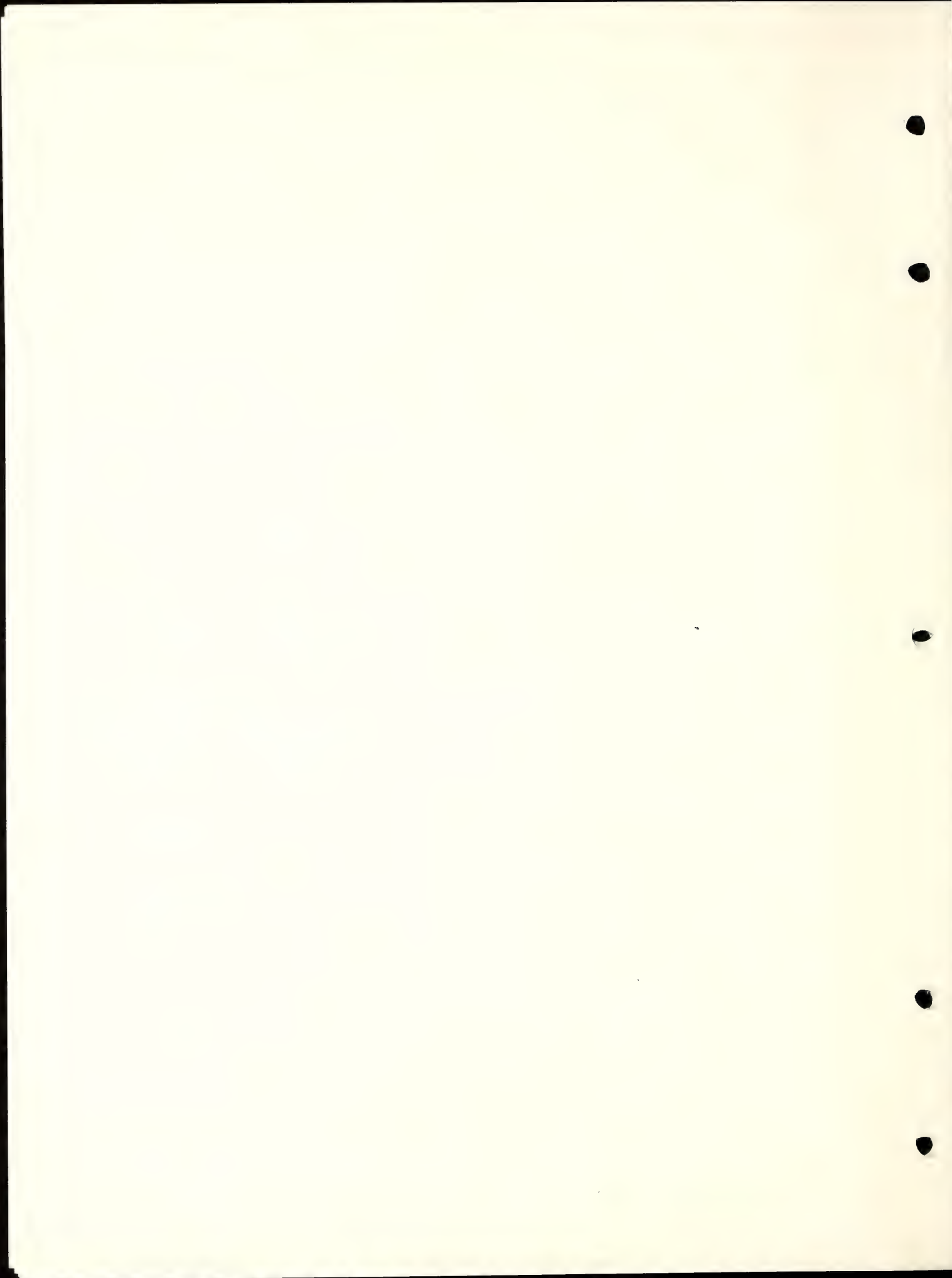




Abraham  
Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln,  
a good man was he,  
He loved books and was  
brave, too,  
And he fought for the slaves  
freedom.  
He got to be a President,  
And a good one he made,  
He freed the slaves from  
bondage and slavery  
such a tragic thing had  
to happen - did occur,  
He was shot by a man,  
named John Wilkes Booth  
on Good Friday, April 14, 1865,  
at Ford's Theater in Washing-  
ton, D.C.

Nicki Lee Sharon



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln,

A great man,

And he never,

No never ran!

As our sixteenth President

He lead the dark way,

All through the night

And all through the day,

He lead all the slaves

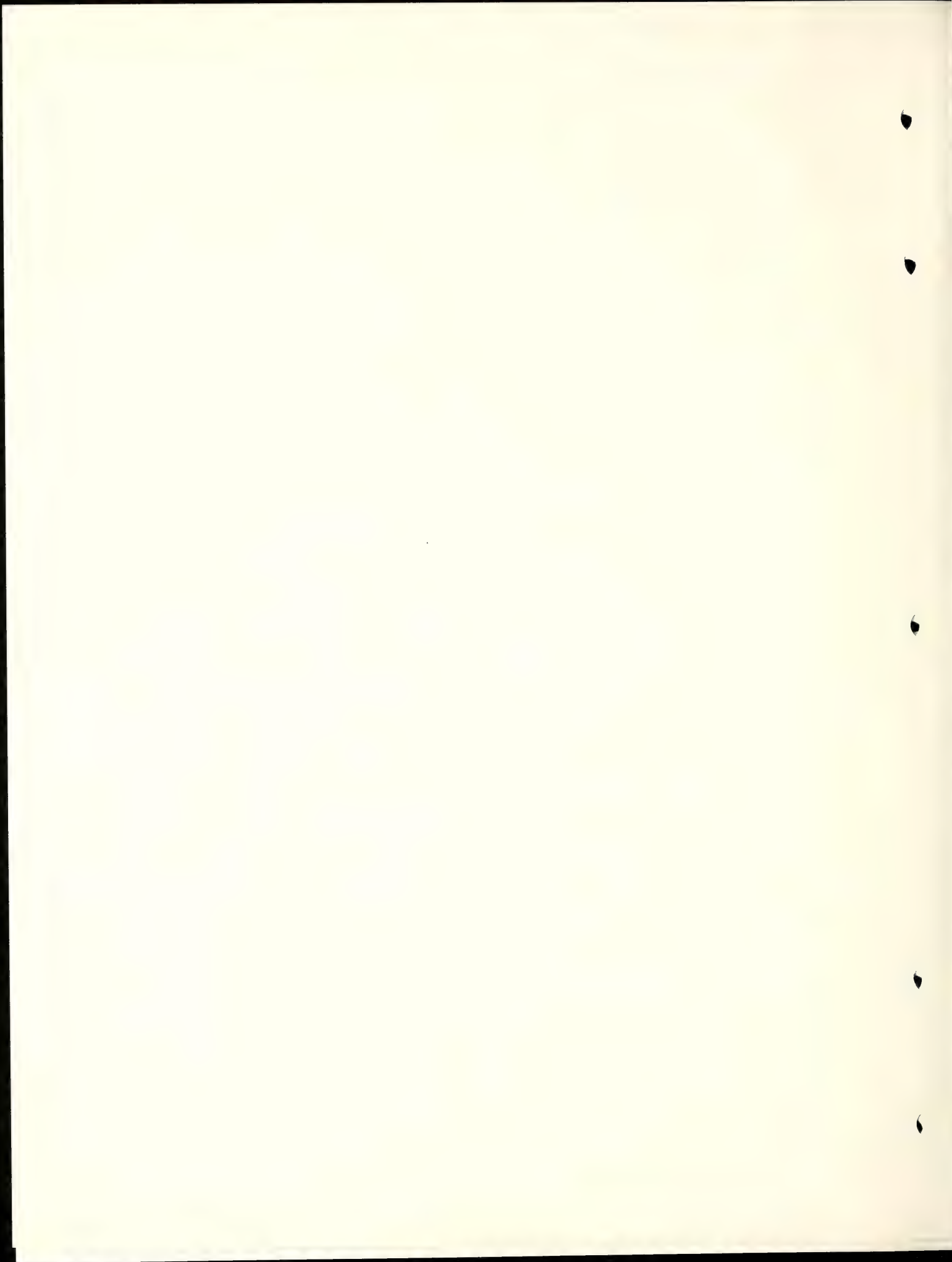
To be free forevermore,

And as a slave to do

Not another chore.

Susan Elaine Nonemaker





To Abraham Lincoln in 1969

Mr. Lincoln, how did you like the  
Presidency?

Did you drink tea, or pay a fee?

It must have been exciting to be  
the President,

To free the slaves, and to help  
the man named Kent,

It must have been fun just to  
look at the sun,

Now if you'll excuse me, I must  
run!

Vicki Hibshman





# The Courage Of Abraham Lincoln!

Of all men of courage  
and will;

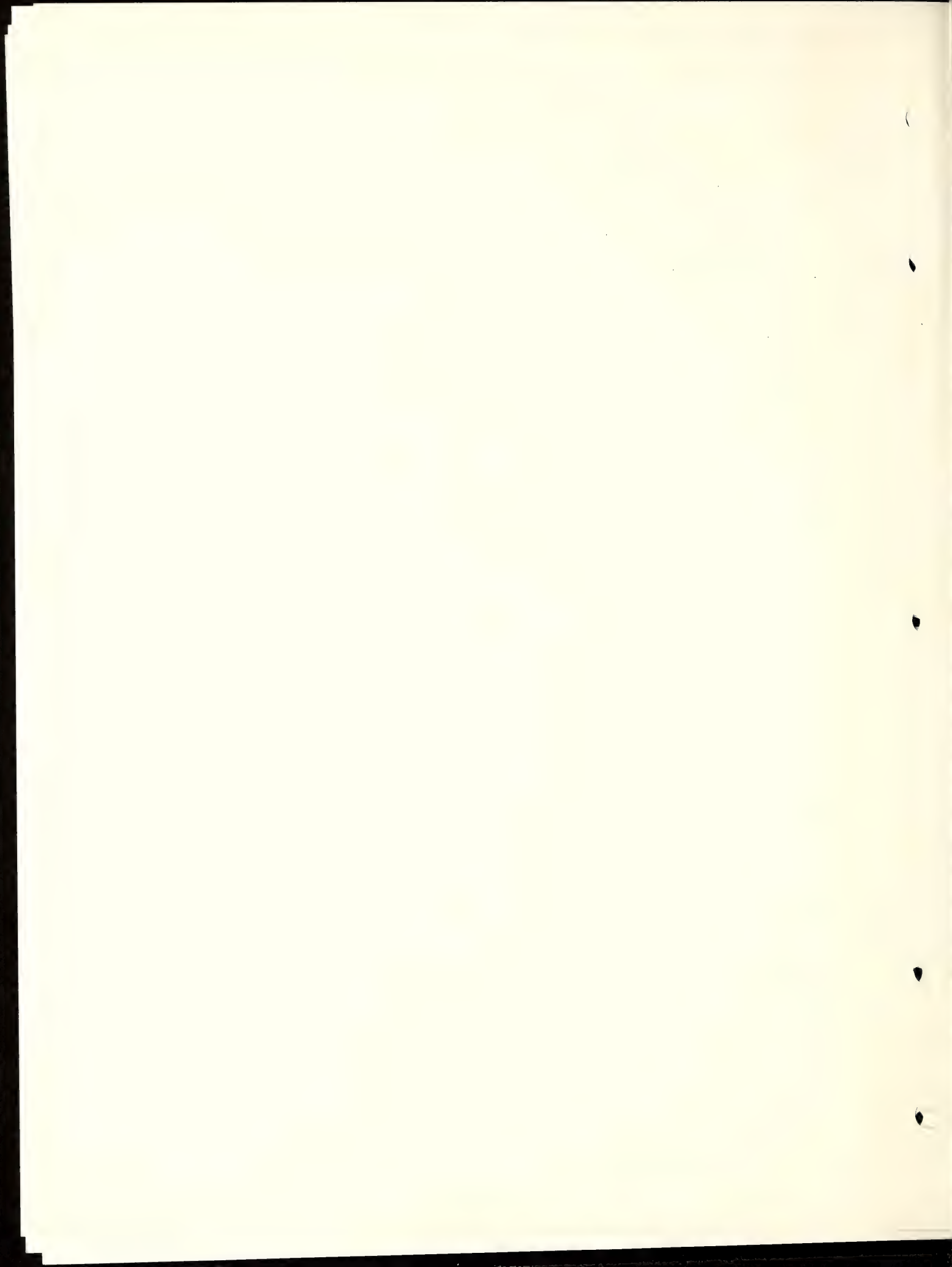
A man who lived and  
Was a man who would  
take on his share in  
many things,  
He saved each and everyone!

We thank you for  
creating a world  
like this,

It was the best for us,  
and the best for all,  
for which we live to  
be free.

God had a plan to set free  
Abraham Lincoln!

Abraham Lincoln!

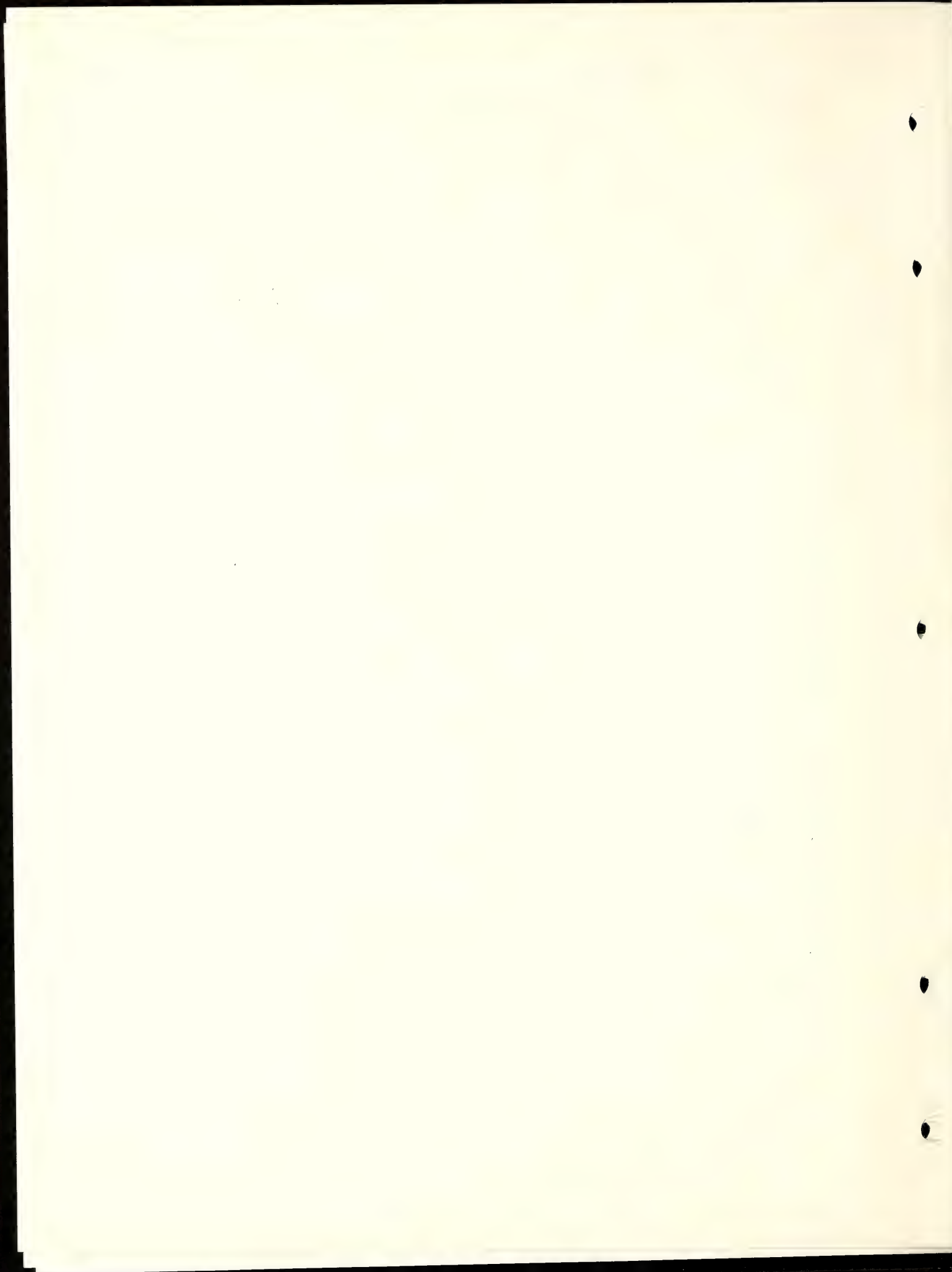


# Lincoln

Sometimes I wonder about you!  
When you were President of the United States,  
You did very nice things  
like win freedom for the Negro.  
and when you died  
so until this day ~~the~~ everybody was sad,  
You for your bravery world remembers

by David Patterson





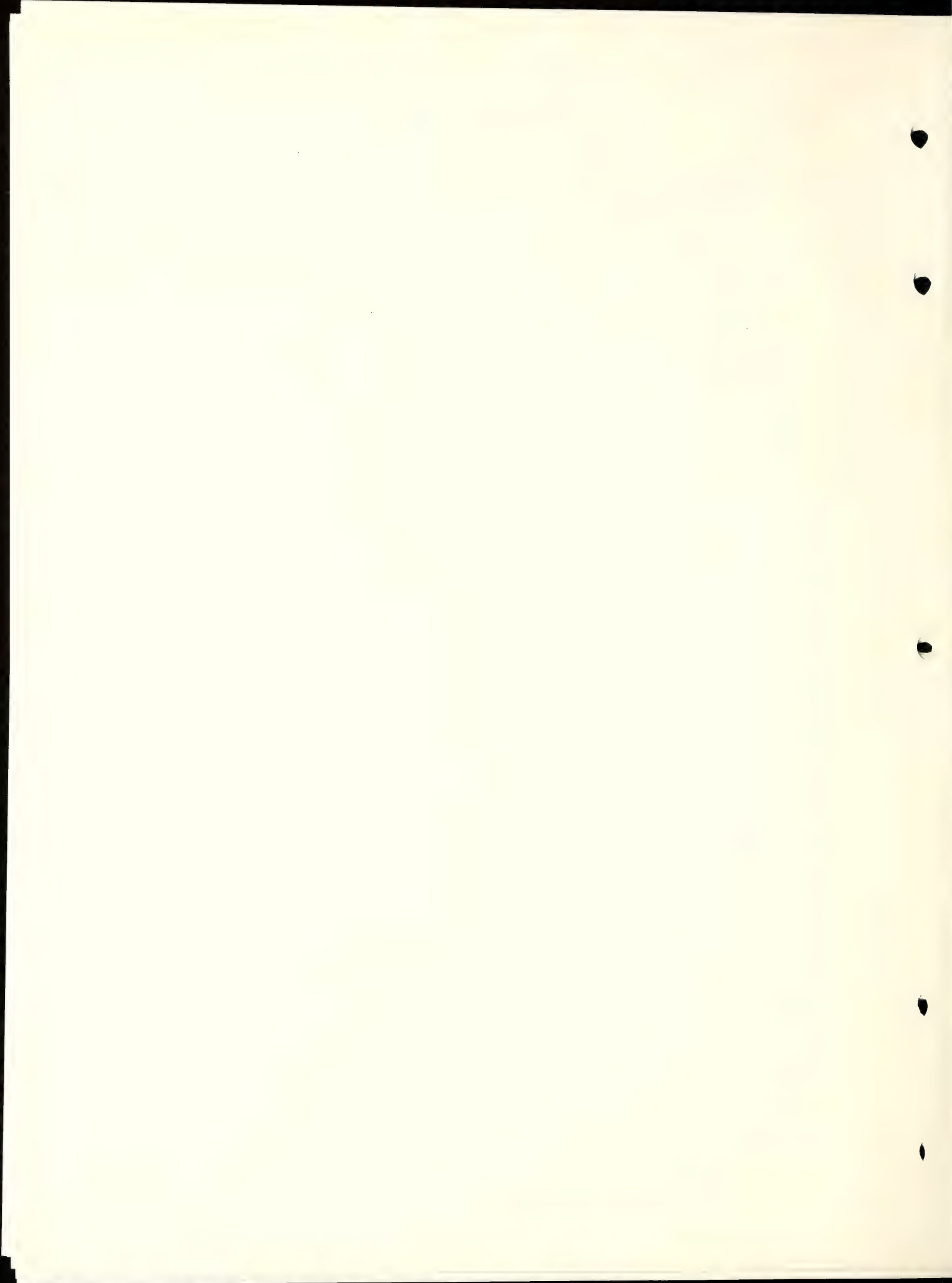
## Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln, a poor man who couldn't even buy a ham.

You nice man, you wouldn't let them harm a slave, but you wouldn't shave. That's ok! you look fine. Just keep up the good work. That's all I have to say. I hope I wasn't in your way.

Well, Good day!

Rolando me mate





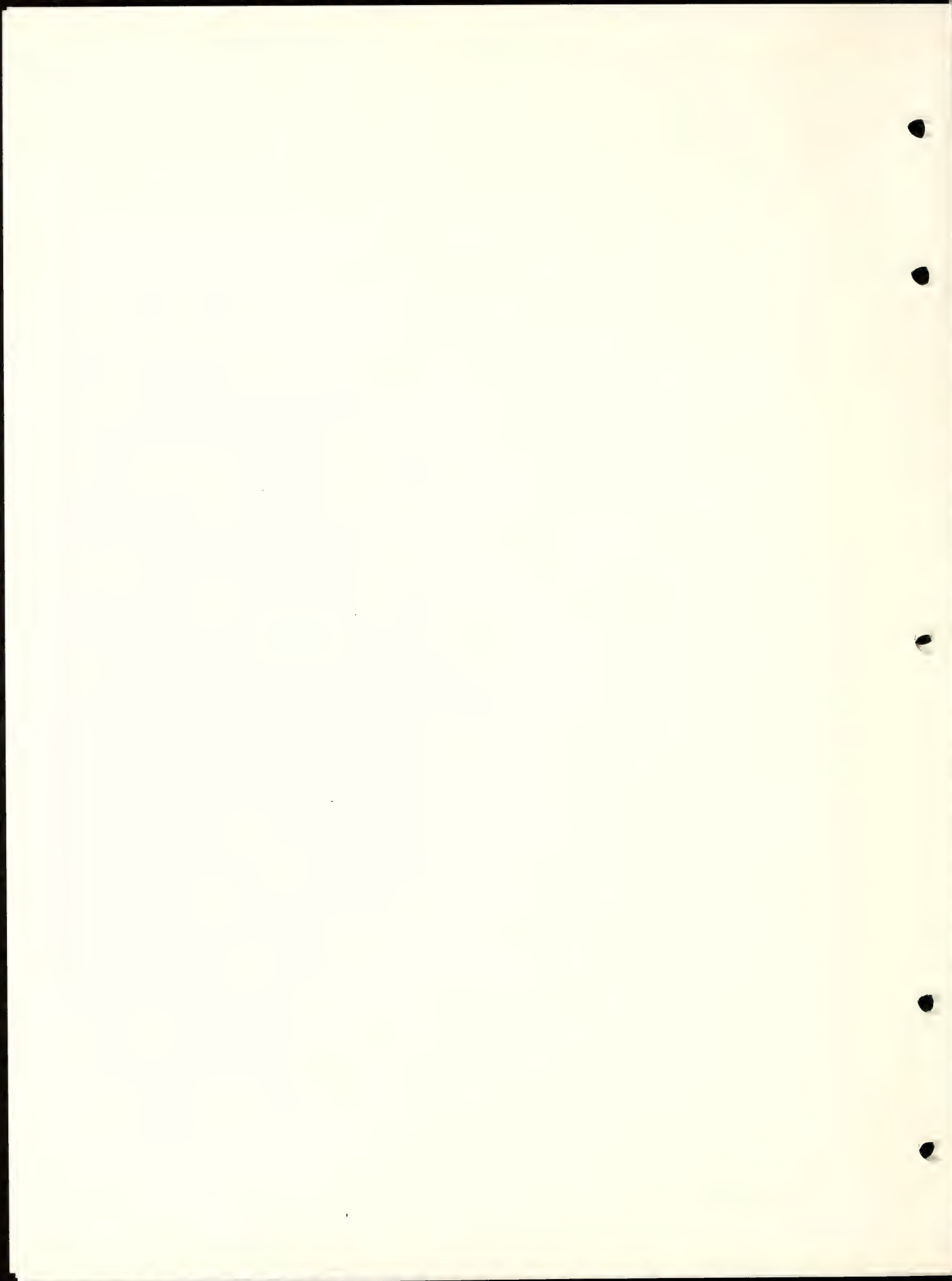
Abraham Lincoln

I heard you were poor,  
That you had a house  
with no door.

Well, this is all I have to  
say.

So have a happy New Year  
today.

Bruce  
N. 112



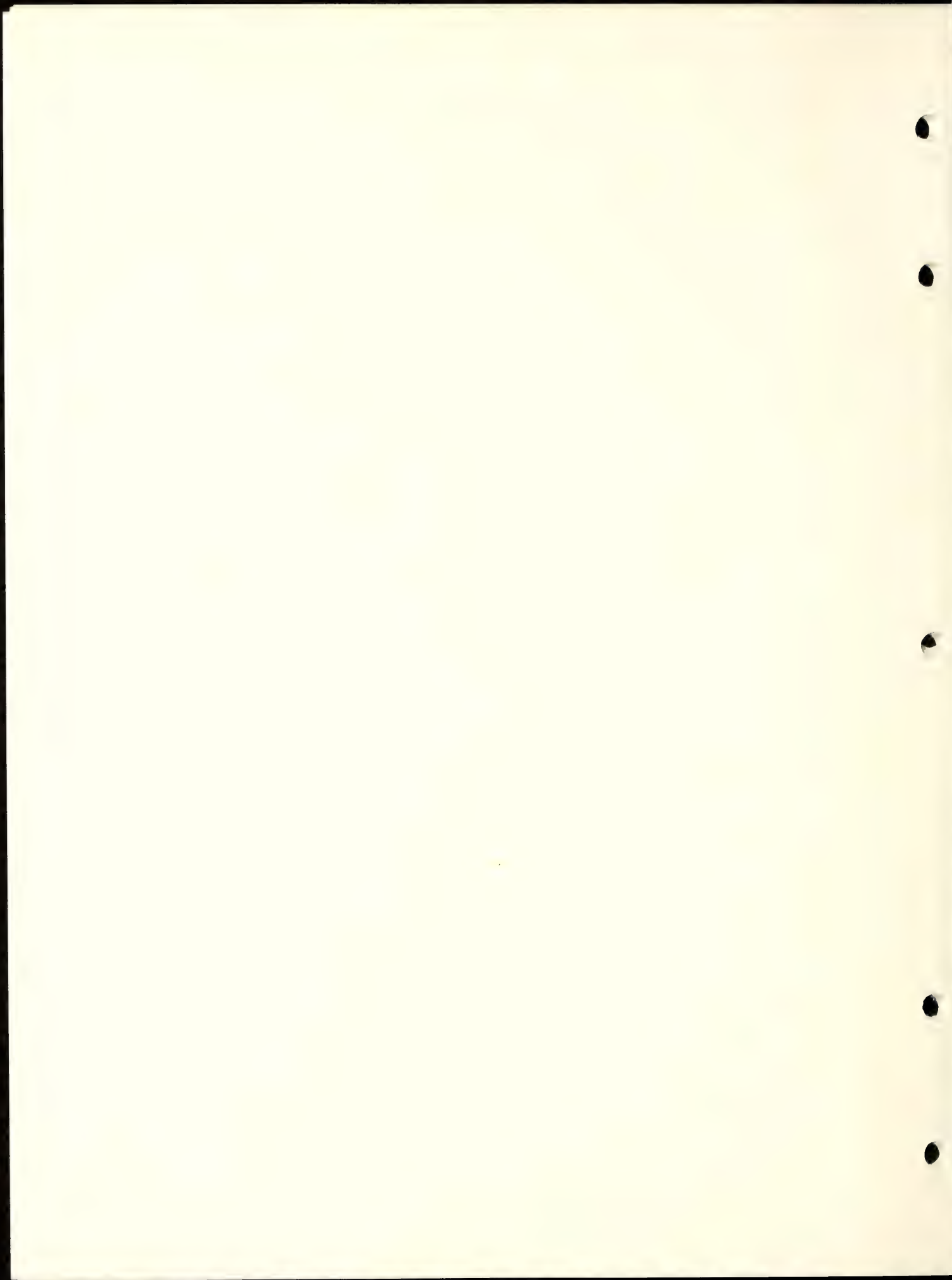
Lincoln

Dear Mr. Lincoln, we all love you so  
much  
for your special gift of kindness and its  
truth.

When you're six feet under,  
way below the blue garden.  
We'll still all run with you.  
for as long as we all live.

Deborah Jean S. Hart





## Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was a good man,

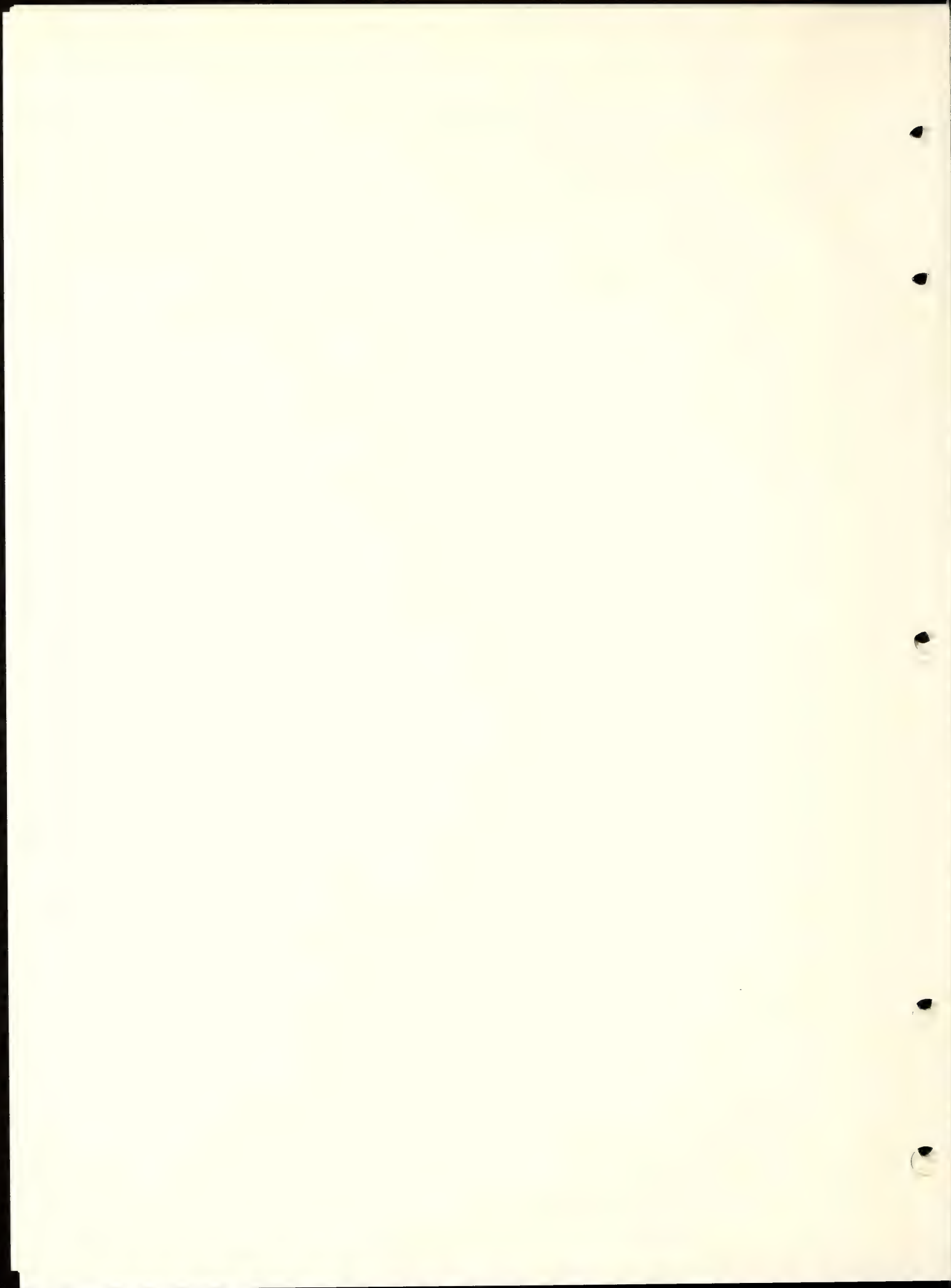
He brought the North and South together.

We think he was a good man for doing that.

We know him on Feb. 12,

He was a good man, Abraham Lincoln!

James L. Mitzler



Abraham Lincoln

Oh, Abraham Lincoln was a great man  
Who lived in a poor, poor land,  
Yes, one of the best men in history now,  
He lived on a poor farm  
With only a cow,  
But surely won the people's charm  
You had to be great to have an insurance company  
to be named after you  
and sure must be the one that suits you too.

By

Terry Shelby



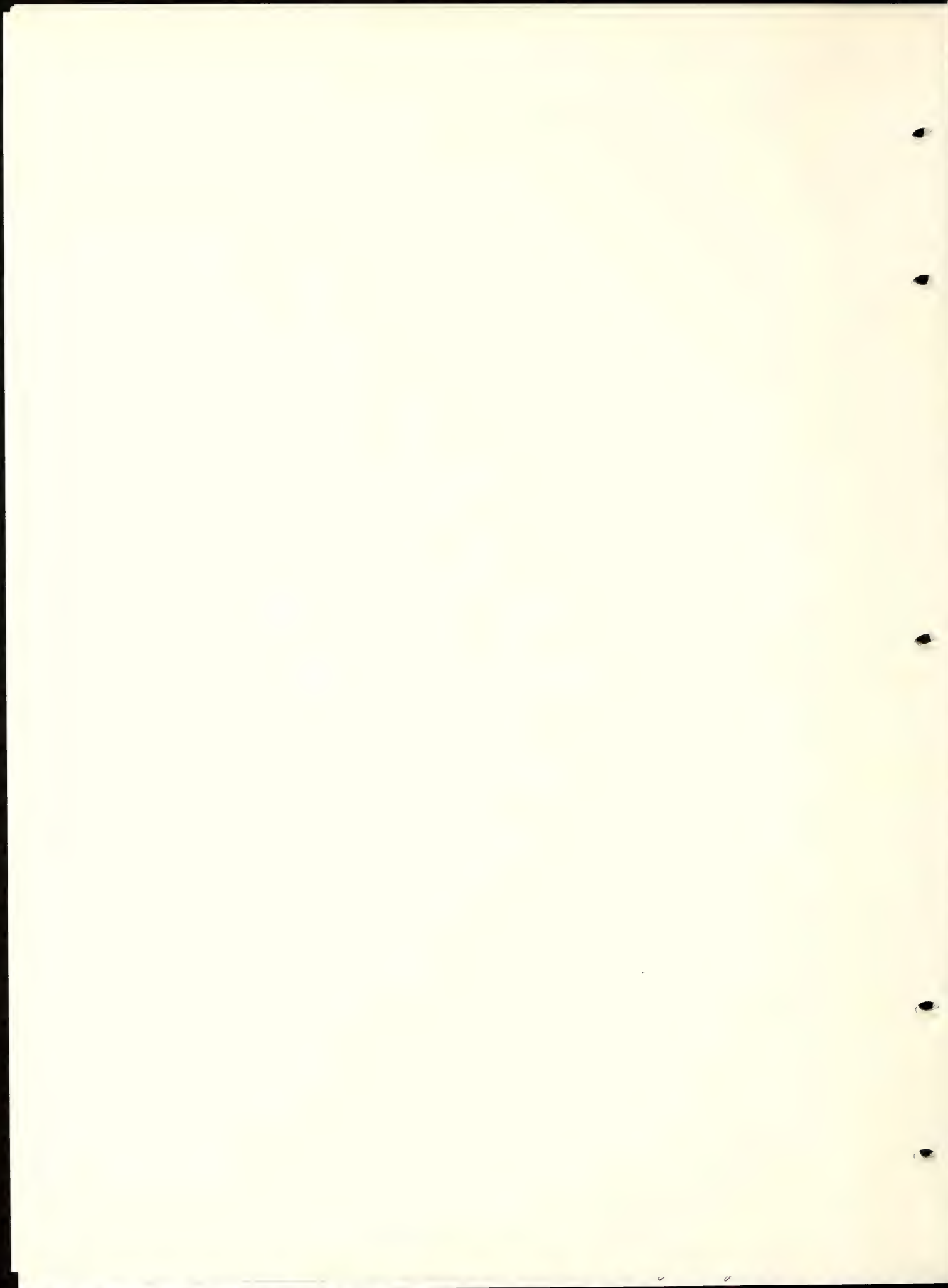
Abraham Sum

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln you were the best  
President we ever had. If I could have  
been like you I wish I gotten a job  
so we would have money, food, and books  
for you and me to read. Your one, I heard,  
was your special instrument. You got a job  
as a store clerk. I would've made supper  
for you and washed the dishes. They named  
a Life Insurance Company after you.  
You were a very nice man and you  
had some problems, too. Nancy Thanks,  
Joseph Bush Johnston, Mary Todd, and  
Ann Rutledge were the ladies you knew.

By

Paul Scott McElroy

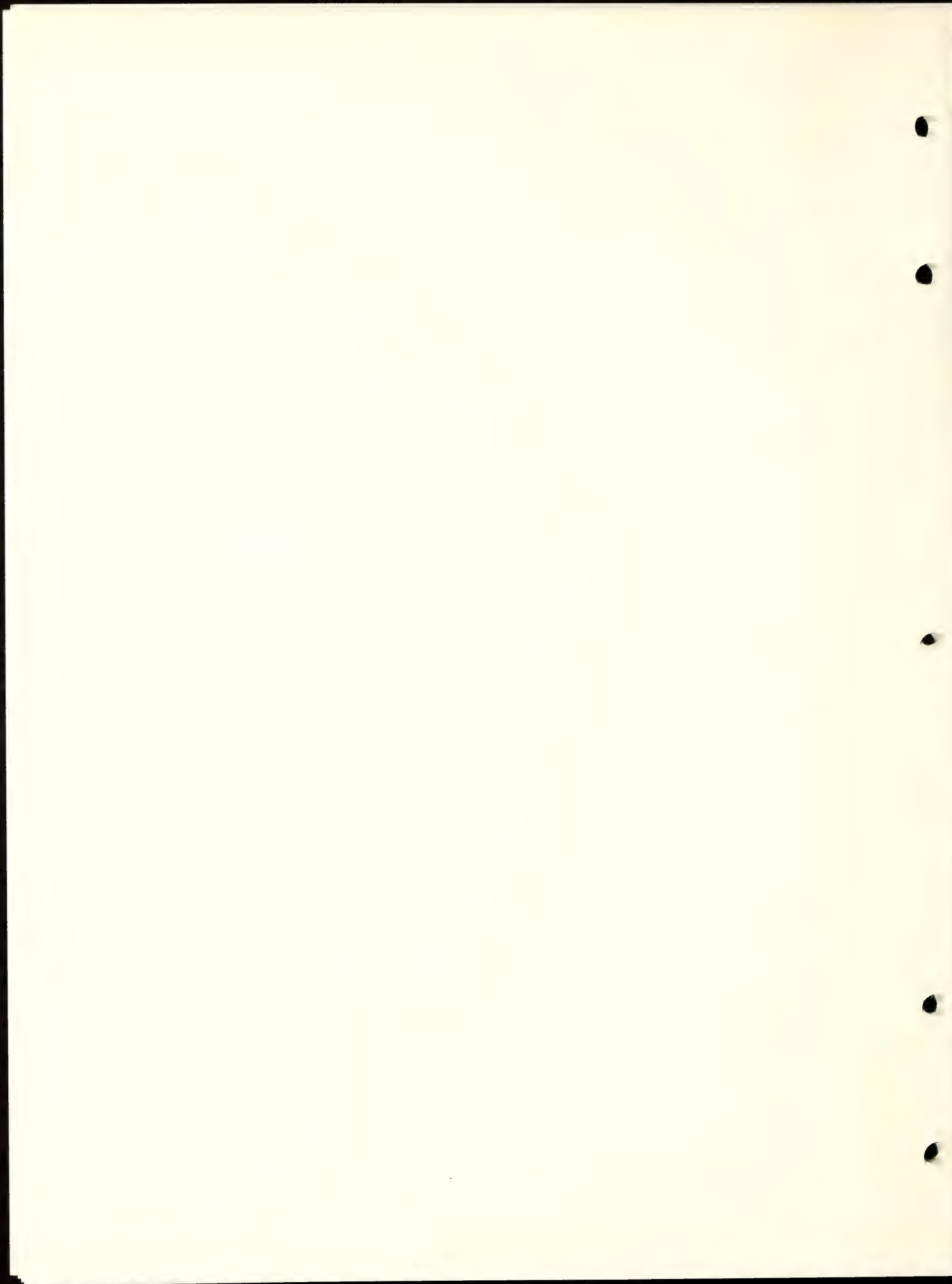


Mr. Lincoln

Mr. Lincoln, you must have had a poor time. Your  
real mother died and then you had a step-mother. I know  
you saw the slaves being sold like cows and pigs.  
And then you said you would stop it and you did. You  
got married + to a woman you loved. You had  
one son of yours lived to an old age. Now I am  
looking down on the ground with a stone  
that says Abraham Lincoln and with tears  
in my eyes Born Feb. 12 1809  
you in peace Died 1865.

Michael Lee Bare

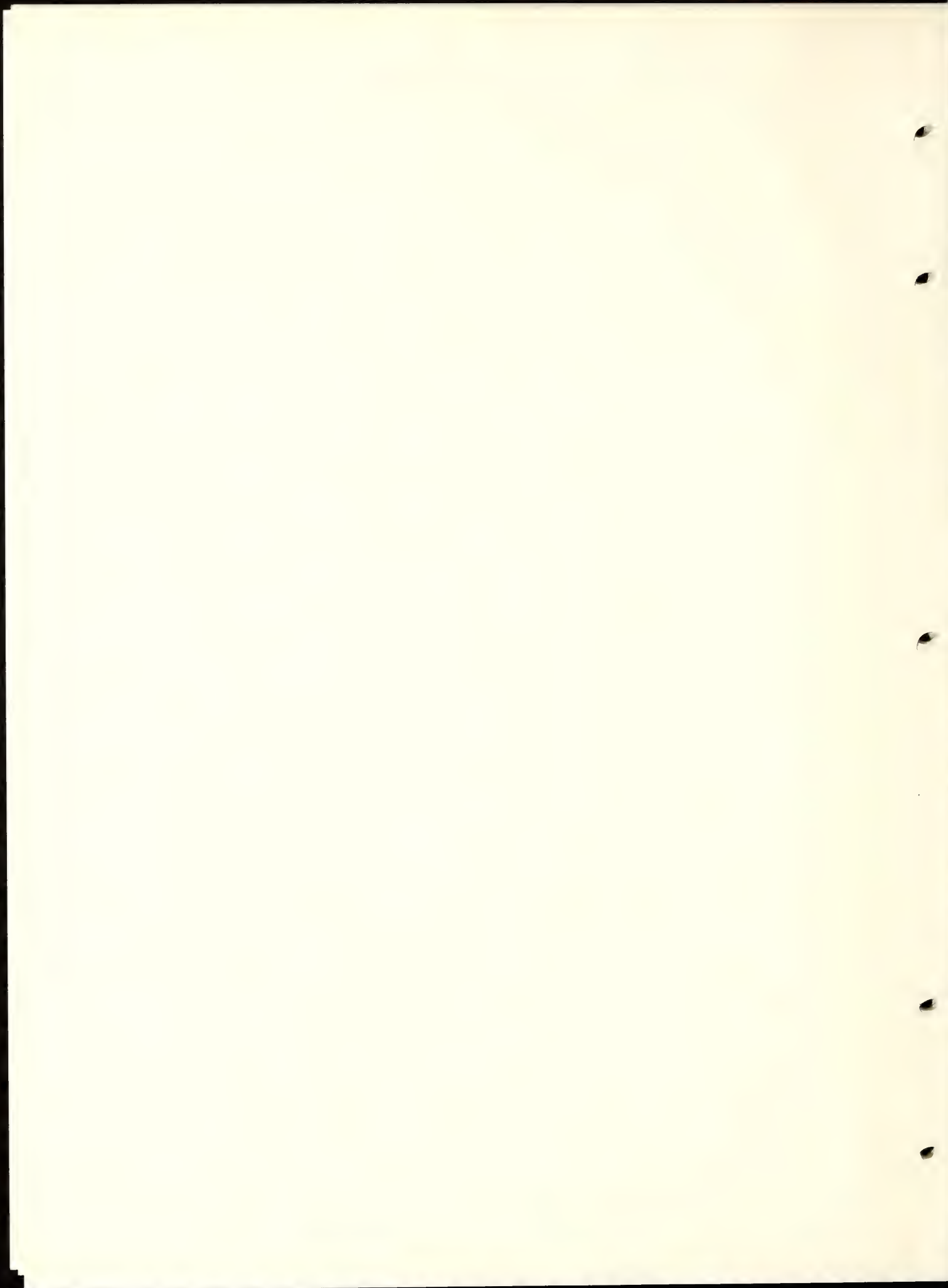




Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln I know  
you had a lot of problems but  
don't feel bad. I have a family of  
three. I know you had a lot  
in your life. I hope you are  
liking them because they are  
to grow on you. I hope  
it was a bad time but I hope  
everyone will be happy.

Steve Randall



Lincoln

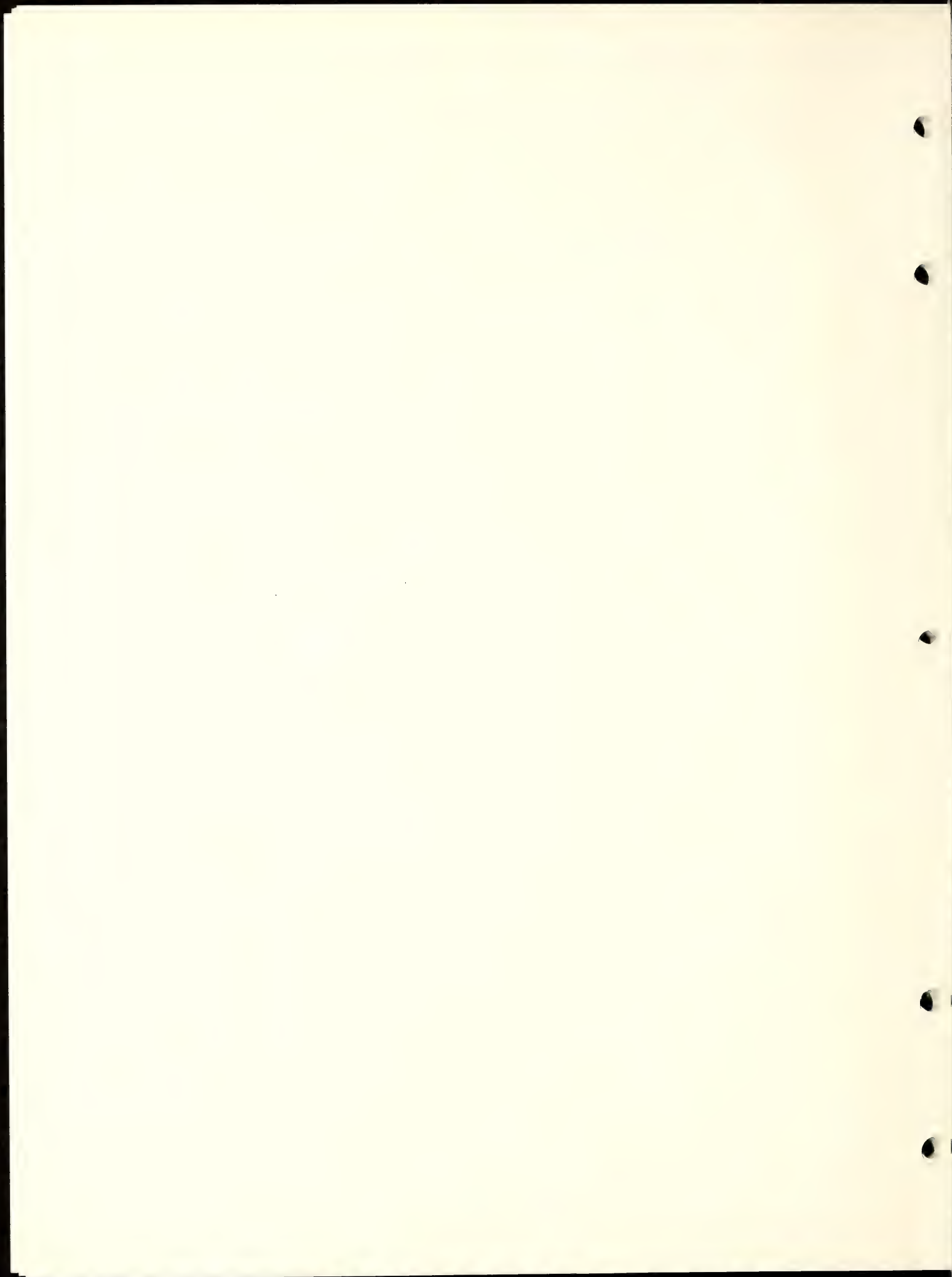
We are talking about your life in our class,  
We know how you don't like slavery and how  
you were defeated in running for President.  
Then finally you won! I think you would like  
to be here today.

Michael

Eugene

Adams



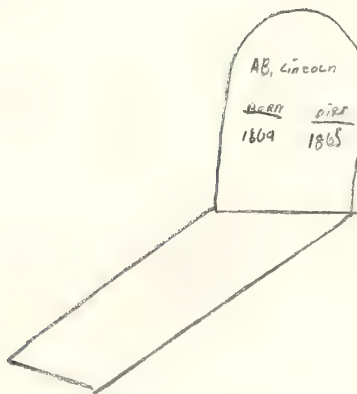


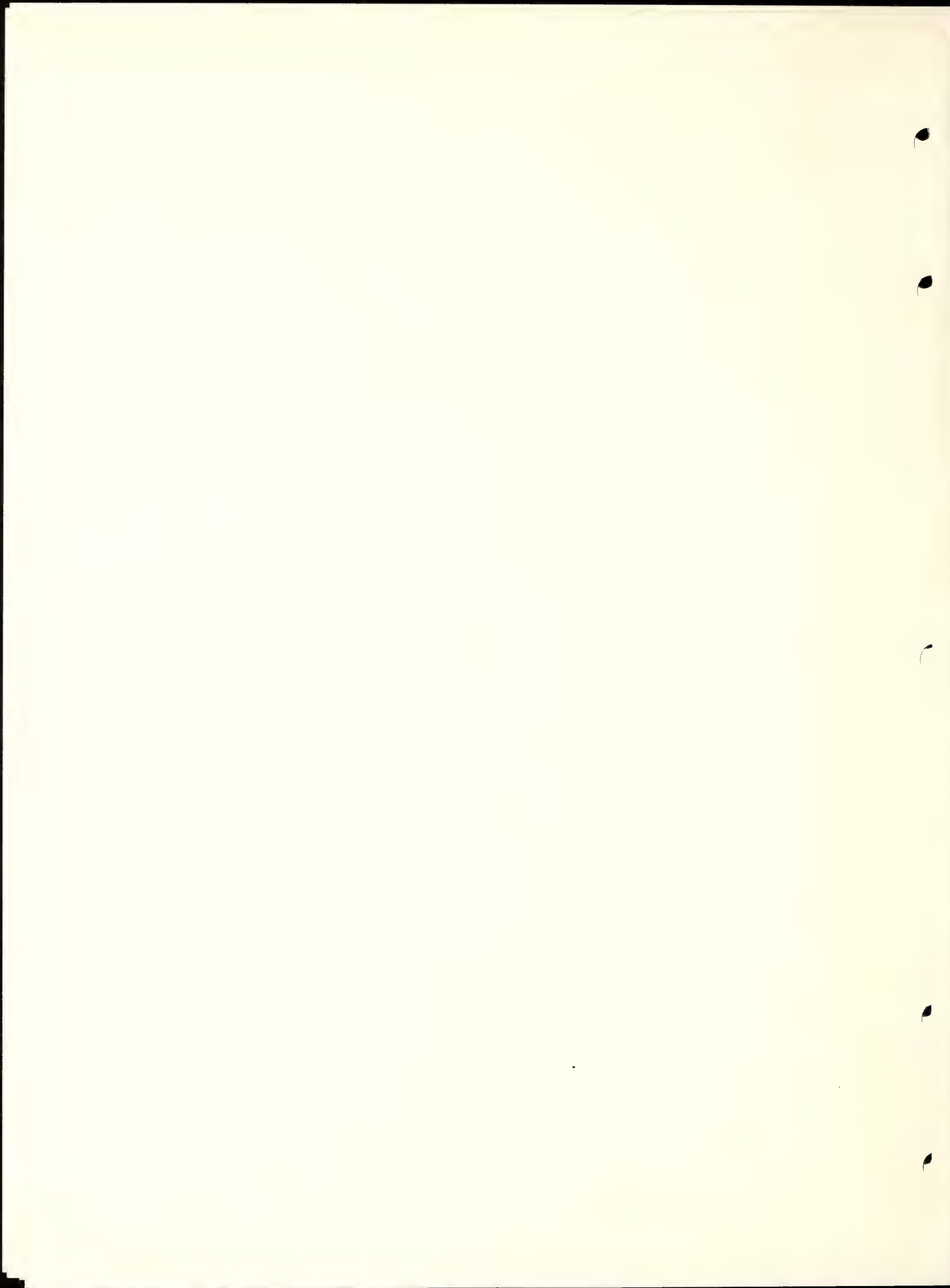
# Abraham Lincoln

By  
Dale L. Finestone.  
age 11

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Abraham Lincoln  
Came from a night for identity  
He was a mighty strong man,  
He wasn't at all bad.  
He fought for the poor in our country  
He really did fight for all their rights.





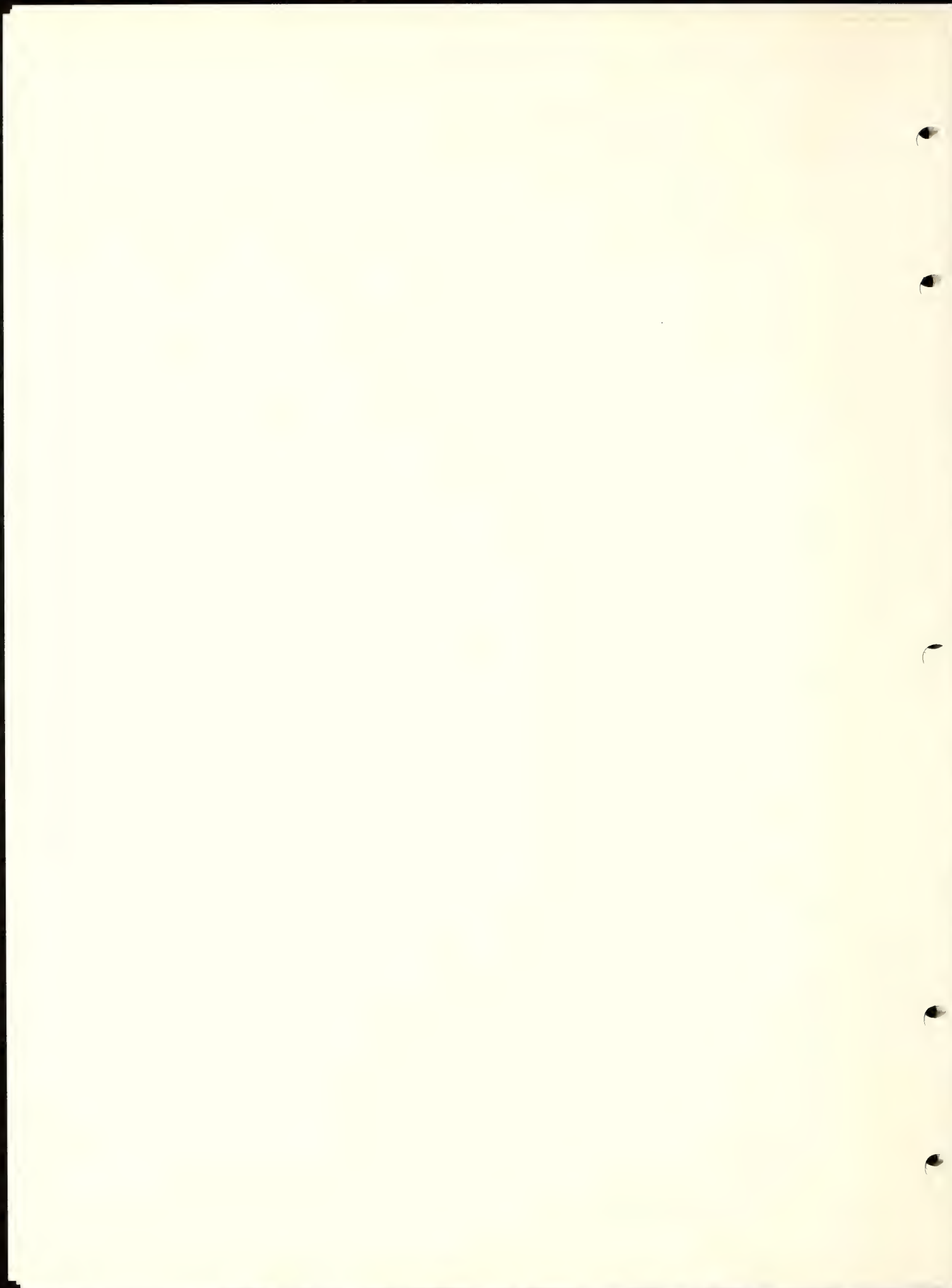
Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln was a brave and  
honest man.

He made many plans.  
Because he felt the same,  
They do not seem to be  
new.

By  
John G. Brown  
Kalamazoo



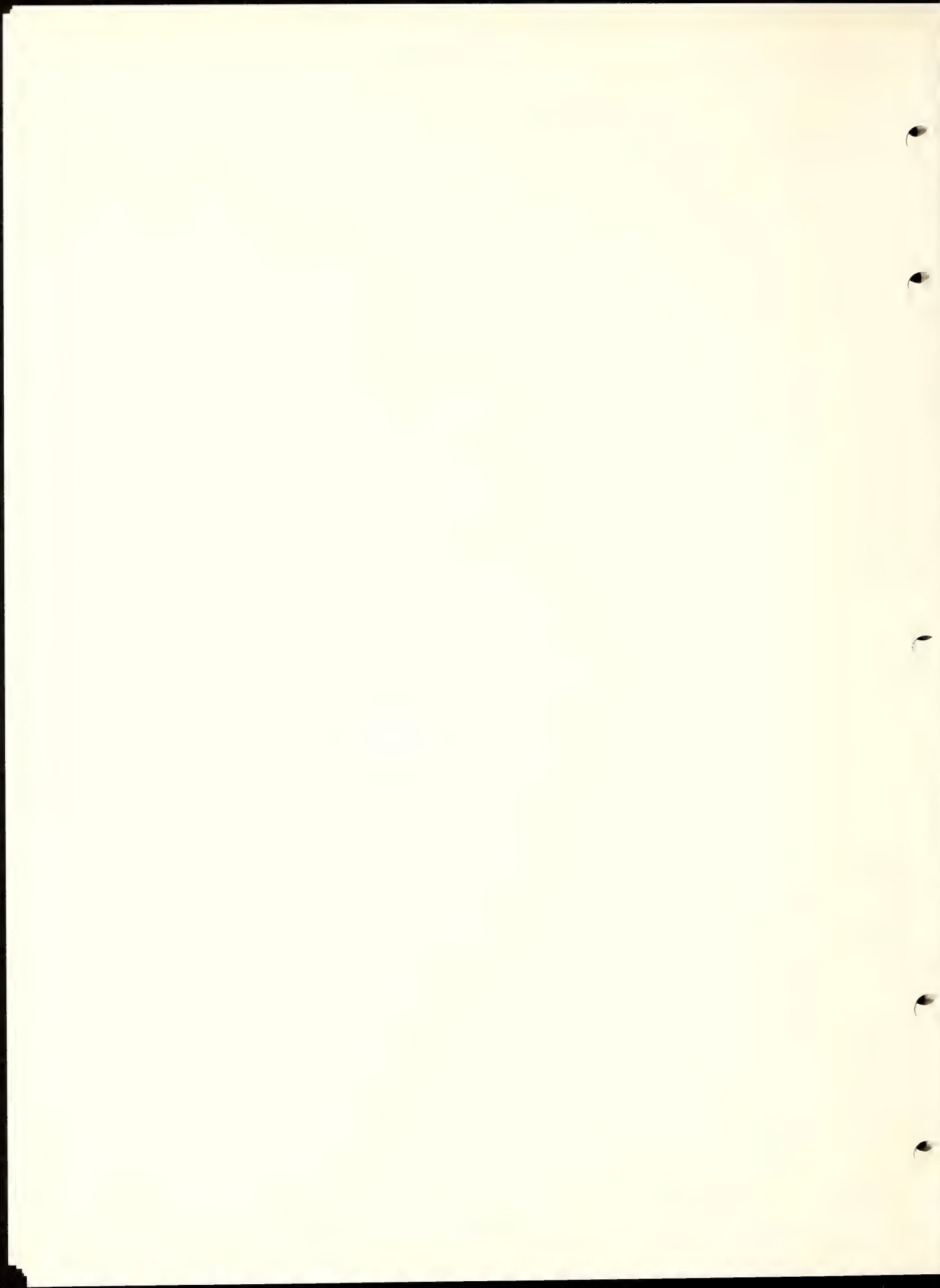


Abraham Lincoln

When Ab. was a boy  
He really enjoyed  
His childhood all  
Those years.

He became President,  
And ruled the whole government.  
It was very different,  
From when he was a boy.

Kevin  
E. d.



For I find it hard to say

hey! Mr. Bismarck, won't you come with  
me?

Step into my capsule and  
ride with me.

Wade my course through the air  
17,

Now take a look at the world  
I see it all that can be seen.

Tell me, Mr. Bismarck, did you like your  
capsule ride?

"Yes, I did, but look out, here comes the  
tide!"

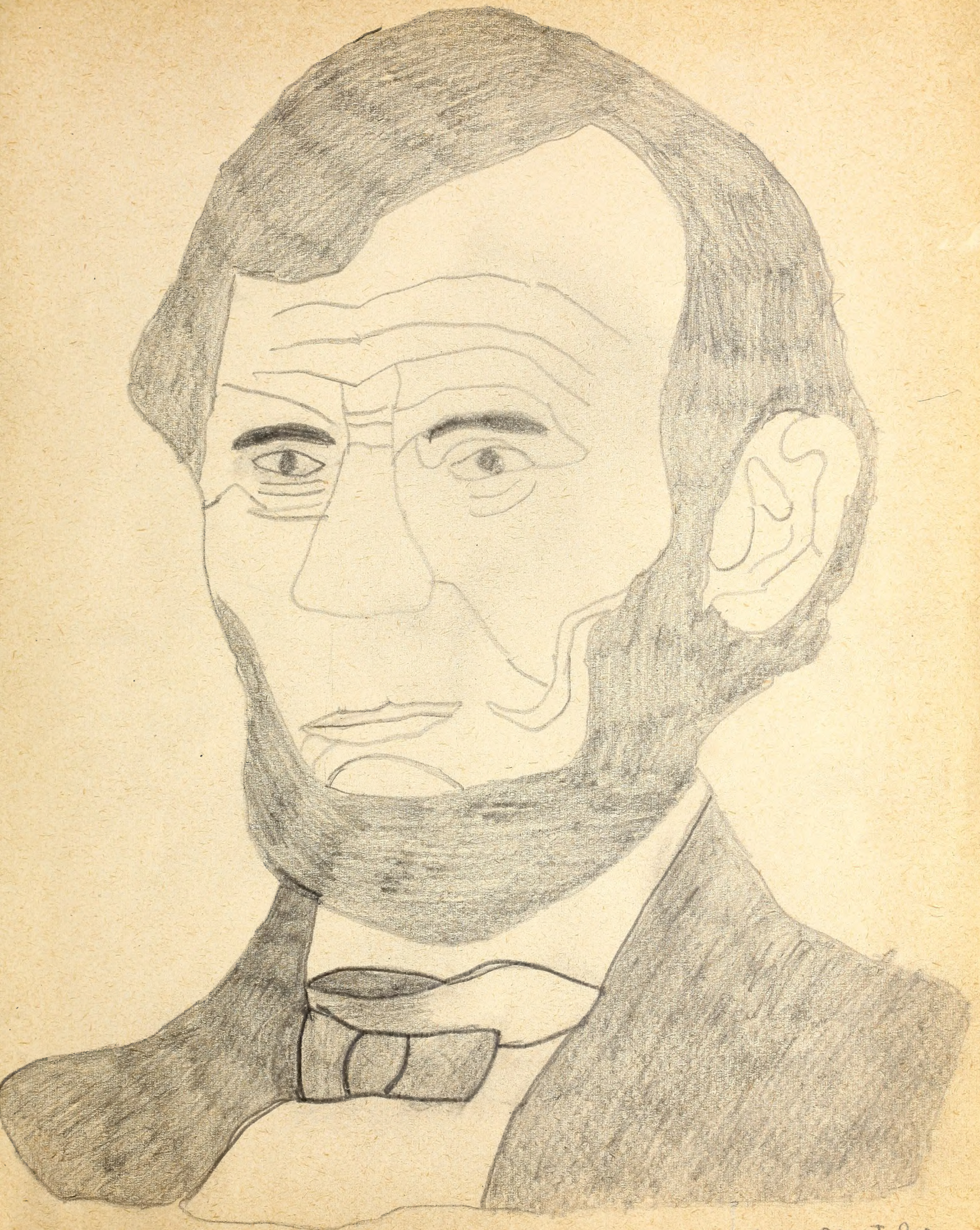
Mary Mull





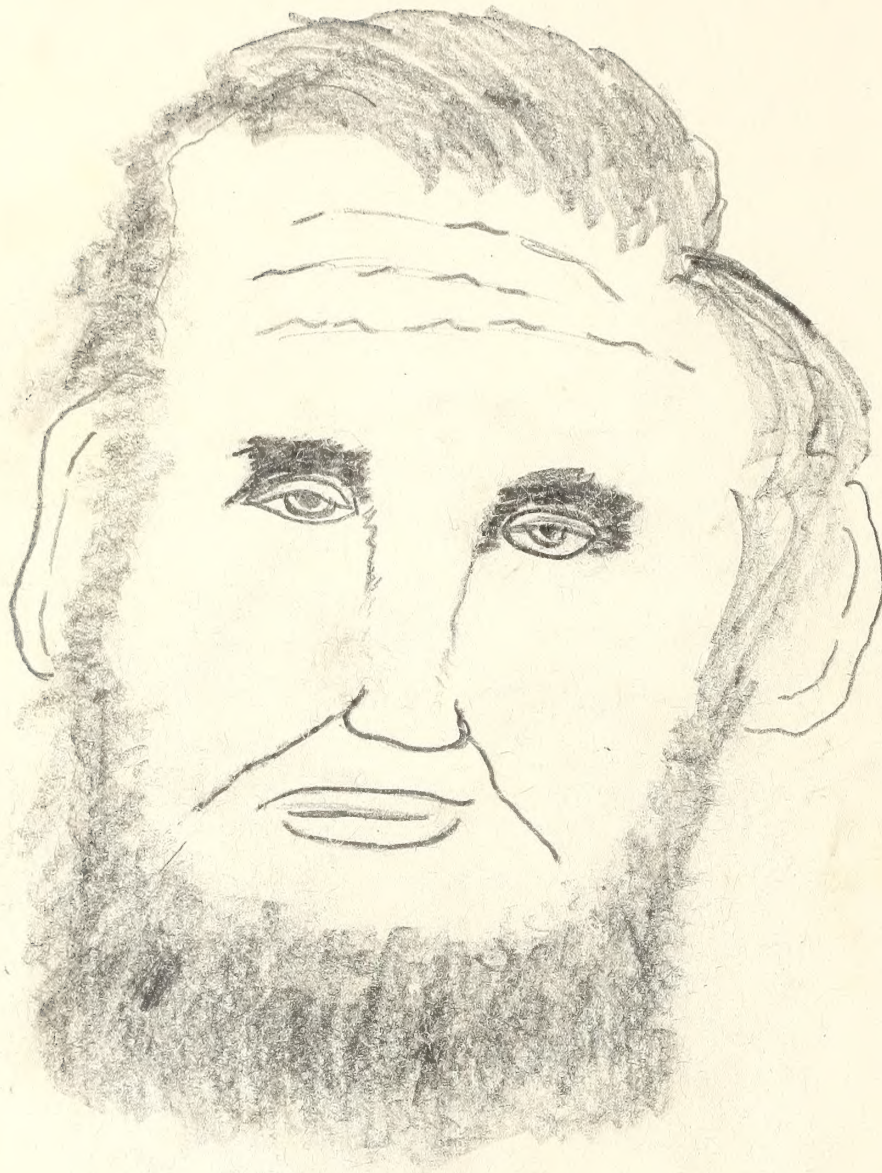
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